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Nuclear energy is applicable only in a generally healthy and well developing energy system. If tangible benefits are to be established which are not confined to a very small number of developing NPT members, we have to think about ways to see and to support energy in the broader context, i.e. energy in general.

There is no technical agency in the United Nations family other than IAEA to which States may turn for advice and assistance in the use of new and renewable energy sources. The IAEA, which already provides advice, on request, on the entire spectrum of the energy needs of its members, could with a minimal expansion of the range of its activities play a significant role in regard to new and renewable sources of energy.

Therefore, a special Energy Fund could be established exclusively accessible to NPT developing countries, particularly to the Least Developed ones.

It is evident that several important questions need to be considered before such a Fund could be operational. But it is advisable that the Conference agrees first on the Fund in principle and to establish a study on the specifics with a view to reporting back to the Parties in the course of 1991.

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In view of the above, it is proposed that the Conference urges IAEA to study the technical and organizational aspects so as to give support to develop the energy systems on a broad basis to NPT developing countries, particularly Least Developed ones.

The Conference urges all Parties and the IAEA to consider the establishment of a Special Energy Fund to deal with energy technologies other than nuclear energy.

The Conference also urges that the study in this matter by IAEA may be submitted to the Parties in the course of 1991.